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PATENT  
**Case No. 10030458-1**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	FALGUN D. PATEL, ET AL.	)	
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Serial No.:	10/820,098	)	Group Art Unit No.: 3663
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Title:	OPTICAL SWITCH USING	)	
	RARE EARTH DOPED GLASS	)	

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

The present amendment is submitted contemporaneously with the Request for Continued Examination filed in response to the Advisory Action dated October 24, 2006.